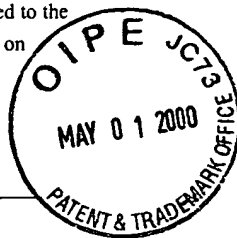



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

As a precautionary measure, applicant also requests an extension of time, if needed and if not separately attached hereto, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with our standing authorization for such charges.

This responds to the Office Action dated December 29, 2000.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 16, before "will" insert --it--.

Page 2, lines 20 and 31, change "twenty-five" to --25--;

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